

# California Department of Public Health - Vital Records

## Estimated Processing Times

November 1, 2010

(Processing Times May Change Based on Workload)

### CERTIFIED COPIES

|  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| Birth Certificate From 1984 to Present ..... | 4 Weeks (but <b>CAN</b> take longer)  |
| Birth Certificate From 1905 to 1983. ....    | 14 Weeks (but <b>CAN</b> take longer) |
| Death Certificate From 1995 to Present. .... | 4 Weeks (but <b>CAN</b> take longer)  |
| Death Certificate From 1905 to 1994 .....    | 14 Weeks (but <b>CAN</b> take longer) |
| Confidential Marriage Certificate .....      | Go to County Clerk                    |
| Public Marriage Certificate                  |                                       |

Due to increased requests for birth and death records, refer all marriage customers to the County Recorder. If they've exhausted all efforts to identify the county but can't, we'll accept:

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| 1949 – 1986 .....    | Can Exceed 6 Months *                         |
| 1998 – 1999 .....    | Can Exceed 6 Months *                         |
| 1905 – 1948 .....    | } No Index –<br>Must Go to<br>County Recorder |
| 1987 – 1997 .....    |   |
| 2000 – Present ..... |   |

\* Increased requests for birth certificates for proof of identity have resulted in lengthy delays for marriage and divorce records.

Divorce (Certificate of Record – this is **not** a copy of the divorce decree)

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|--|---|
| County Unknown: 1962 – June 1984 ..... | Can Exceed 6 Months *   |
| All Other Years .....                  | No Index - Find a Way to ID the<br>County, and Go to Superior Court |
| County Known:     All Years .....      | Go to County Superior Court   |

### AMENDMENTS & DELAYED REGISTRATIONS

Delayed Registration .....

3 Months

#### Amendment

|                                |          |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Death .....                    | 4 Months |
| Marriage .....                 | 4 Months |
| Birth .....                    | 5 Months |
| Adoption .....                 | 6 Months |
| CONC .....                     | 7 Months |
| Paternity & Adjudication ..... | 9 Months |